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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated September 8, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application. Claims 1-21 are currently pending.

The final Office Action includes a rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the *Ikeda et al.* patent (U.S. Patent 6,468,670). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In reviewing Applicant's previous response, it occurs to the undersigned that the argument being made was not sufficiently clear. As illustrated in Figure 1 of the *Ikeda* patent, the *Ikeda* patent includes a glass substrate, and an optional soft underlayer on which a layer of nickel aluminum alloy (NiAl) layer is deposited. This layer of nickel aluminum

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